

State of South Dakota

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1999

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1061

Introduced by: The Committee on Judiciary at the request of the Chief Justice

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise the provisions exempting certain persons from
2 service as jurors.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 16-13-10 be amended to read as follows:

5 16-13-10. ~~All citizens~~ Any citizen of this state, who ~~are residents~~ is a resident of the county
6 or jury district where the jury is selected, eighteen years of age or older prior to January first of
7 the year of jury service, of sound mind and who ~~are~~ is able to read, write, and understand the
8 English language, ~~are~~ is eligible to serve as ~~jurors~~ a juror. ~~Justices or clerks of the Supreme Court~~
9 ~~or a judge of the circuit court or any court of the United States, or a court of limited jurisdiction,~~
10 ~~or licensed attorneys are not eligible to serve as jurors. Clergymen~~ Any member of the clergy,
11 as defined in § 19-13-16, if jury service conflicts with ~~their~~ religious ~~beliefs may be~~ belief, is
12 exempt from jury duty. ~~Persons~~ Any person who ~~have~~ has been convicted of a felony unless
13 restored to ~~their~~ civil rights ~~are~~ is not eligible to serve as ~~jurors~~ a juror. ~~Potential jurors~~ No
14 potential juror may ~~not~~ be excluded from jury duty ~~on the basis~~ because of a visual or hearing
15 impairment.